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**From:** Simpson, Andrea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:38 PM  
**To:** Chow, James  
**Subject:** RE: petition to audit Brady Sullivan properties

Yes, fine with me.

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**From:** Chow, James  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:28 PM  
**To:** Simpson, Andrea  
**Subject:** FW: petition to audit Brady Sullivan properties

OK w/ me. OK w/ you?

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**From:** Susan Harley [<mailto:sharley@citizen.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:22 PM  
**To:** Chow, James  
**Cc:** Simpson, Andrea  
**Subject:** Re: petition to audit Brady Sullivan properties

Hi James,  
I'd like to extend the invite to NERCC to join the conversation as well. Does that work?

Susan

Sent from my phone. 517.775.4254

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**From:** Chow, James  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:43 AM  
**To:** Susan Harley  
**Cc:** Simpson, Andrea  
**Subject:** RE: petition to audit Brady Sullivan properties

Susan,

Per our quick conversation today, Andrea Simpson and I are available to discuss your request for a meeting. Here are some possible dates/times for a quick call.

Today, 8/26 – anytime between 1-2pm and 3-3:30pm  
Thur, 8/27 – anytime between 11-11:30 and 12:30-1:30pm

James

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**From:** Susan Harley [<mailto:sharley@citizen.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 11:00 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Sharon  
**Cc:** Bryson, James M.; Carr, Robert; Browne, Mike; David Minasian; Kevin Ksen  
**Subject:** petition to audit Brady Sullivan properties

Dear Sharon and the rest of the EPA Region 1 Lead team,

Public Citizen was founded in 1971 around the mission of protecting consumers-- including safeguarding workers and the public from dangerous products, health threats, and other hazards. Central to our mission is holding irresponsible corporations accountable for wrongdoing. We know that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also has a mission of protecting humans and the environment from unreasonable exposure to pollution. And, we applaud the agency's efforts to control exposure to lead paint, especially to vulnerable populations like children.

I know that you all are aware of the outrageous situation in New Hampshire where, in what's [been described](#) as the "biggest known lead hazard in recent New England history," Brady Sullivan Properties sandblasted lead-containing paint in a refurbished mill, while tenants were still in residence. Testing in the building found lead at levels of 680 times the legal limit.

When companies don't follow the rules and put the public at risk, Public Citizen joins forces with other concerned stakeholders to call upon the government to take action to correct the situation. That's why I was pleased to [read](#) that the EPA is requiring the company to clean up the Manchester converted mill. However, Brady Sullivan has properties scattered in several states across the region. It's very possible similar situations are occurring in other buildings owned by the company.

Our group, along with the New England Regional Council of Carpenters (NERCC) (cc:ed here), circulated an online petition calling on the EPA to audit *all* of Brady Sullivan's refurbished mill buildings to ensure no other residents or workers are being exposed to unsafe levels of lead. In addition, the petition urges the agency to fine the company in amounts that would be sufficient enough to deter it, and all companies engaged in this work, from cutting corners when it comes to removal of lead-containing paint.

So far, [the petition](#) has garnered more than 20,000 signatures. It reads:

*We, the undersigned, urge the EPA to undertake a full audit of Brady Sullivan Properties' converted mill properties in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and levy appropriate fines against Brady Sullivan Properties to hold it accountable for what has been called the biggest known lead hazard in recent New England history and to ensure that no more of its residents are exposed to dangerous levels of lead.*

Public Citizen, along with NERCC, would like to request a meeting with your team, and/or others at EPA Region 1 or the national office, to discuss what you're doing to address the Brady Sullivan Properties Manchester, NH situation as well as plans for auditing the lead pollution levels in the other buildings in the region owned by the company. Given that I am located in Washington, DC, I would ask to be joined by phone to an in-person meeting with NERCC representatives.

Please let me know of some times in the near future that would work for such a conversation.

Thanks in advance.

All the best,

Susan Harley

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